

# **State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**December 21, 2005**

## **MINUTES**

### **Board Members Present:**

Deborah Malone, L.Ac., Chairman  
Martha Grout, MD., Secretary  
Della Estrada, L.Ac., Professional Member  
Lal Fernando, Public Member  
Yong Deng, L.Ac., Professional Member (by phone)  
Joe Balensi, L.Ac. Professional Member

### **Board Members Absent:**

Toni Karnas, Public Member  
(pending appointment of two members)

### **Attorney General Representative:**

Blair Driggs, Assistant Attorney General

### **Administrative Staff:**

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director

### **1. Call To Order**

Chairman Malone called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

### **2. Review, discuss, and vote – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Board Member Grout moved the adoption of the November 30, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes (Teleconference) as amended.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Balensi. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

**3. Complaints/Investigations – Review, Discussion and Action**

No complaints were reviewed.

**4. Consideration of Applicants for Licensure – Review, Discussion and Action**

Board Member Grout made a motion to approve licensure for applicants A through F:

- A. Tony Ward
- B. Yunsil K. Fortini
- C. Fred Siciliano
- D. Kathleen Kool
- E. Mica J. Clark
- F. Robin K. Davidson

Board Member Estrada seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**5. Consideration of Applicants for Auricular Certification – Review, Discussion and Action**

- A. Paul R. Salcido
- B. Laura Villa

Executive Director Gonzalez introduced Mr. Salcido, an applicant for certification, who had responded with a “yes” to one of the questions that addresses the notification of a prior conviction of a crime. Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that Mr. Salcido is in good standing with the Board of Behavioral Health Examiners, LSAT-12005, and met all other requirements for approval.

Mr. Salcido addressed the Board and explained his past history of conviction that dated back to 1975. Board Member Estrada asked if Mr. Salcido used counseling services and whether this experience has led him to work in the field. Mr. Salcido answered in the affirmative. In addition, Mr. Salcido has been working for META Services as a licensed substance abuse technician.

Board Member Fernando asked if Mr. Salcido has any problems controlling his anger due to his prior conviction of assault and battery. Mr. Salcido responded the charge was a result of using alcohol and he has not used alcohol for several years so no problems have taken place since.

Board Member Fernando made a motion to approve a certificate for Mr. Paul R. Salcido. The motion was seconded by Board member Grout. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Executive Director Gonzalez explained the matter with Ms. Villa due to a domestic dispute. Mr. Gonzalez read the statement provided by Ms. Villa with her application. Ultimately, Ms. Villa pleaded guilty to child abuse. The alleged criminal action took place in 2001 and Ms. Villa has been working with COPE Behavioral Services in Tucson for some time.

Chairman asked Mr. Gonzalez, for future meetings, to provide board members with all the necessary documentation for review in advance of the meeting.

Chairman Malone informed board members that Ms. Villa is available by phone to clarify any additional questions before action is taken.

Board Member Grout made a motion to approve a certificate for Ms. Laura Villa.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Balensi. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Board Member Deng left the meeting, via telephone, after this item—approximately 1:25 p.m.

## **6. Consideration of Other Applications – Review, Discussion and Action**

### **Continuing Education:**

- A. Non-Needle Facial Rejuvenation using Microcurrent & Color Light Electro-Acupuncture--7 hours by Darren Starwynn, O.M.D. and Teri Sherman, D.C.
- B. Microcurrent & Color Light Electro-Acupuncture—20 hours by Darren Starwynn, O.M.D. and Teri Sherman, D.C.

Board member Grout made a motion to approve Item 6 A. A second was made by Board member Estrada. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Board Member Fernando made a motion to approve Item 6 B. A second was made by Board Member Grout. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**7. Professional Business – Review, Discussion and Action**

A. Interpretation of A.R.S. §32-3901 (2) and §32-3922 (D) regarding treatment of nicotine addiction.

Executive Director Gonzalez provided the Board with an explanation of this item and asked that a discussion take place so he could respond to correspondence asking the Board for clarification.

Board Member Balensi asked about the potential impact on the Board responding to the letter. Assistant Attorney General Blair Driggs cautioned the Board to issue a letter instructing a group/individual to take action because of their interpretation of the law. Mr. Driggs suggested drafting a substantive policy statement.

Chairman Malone asked the Executive Director and Assistant Attorney General Lisa Miles to bring a draft substantive policy statement to the Board for discussion at a future meeting.

**8. Executive Director Report**

The Executive Director informed the Board on the appointment, by the Governor, of Michael J. Robb from Prescott to the Board filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Cesar Quintana.

Legislative committee will be taking place on January 27, 2006 at 9 a.m.

**9. Future Agenda Items -- Review, Discussion and Action**

Chairman Malone would like to have a discussion on the frequency of board meetings and whether to occasionally to meet by phone.

**10. Future Meeting Dates – Review, Discussion and Action**

January 25, 2006 (Annual Meeting)

**11. Call to the Public**

No action.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m. following a motion by Board Member Grout and was seconded by Board Member Fernando. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Gonzalez  
Executive Director